

JSPS Invitation Fellowship Programs for Research in Japan FY2006

JSPS conducts two programs (a short- and long-term program) under the Invitation Fellowship to promote international cooperation in scientific research and to contribute to advancement of research in the subject field. Through these programs, foreign scientists are invited to Japan to participate in cooperative activities with researchers at universities and other Japanese research institutions. These visits presuppose the existence of contacts between scientists in Japan and in other countries, a condition considered favorable to the promotion of future scientific cooperation and exchange.

1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH:

All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences are included under this program.

2. STARTING DATE:

Fellows must start their Fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2007.

3. HOST RESEARCHERS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN:

- Host researchers in Japan must be employed full-time at an institution of one of the types listed below:
 - 1) Universities
 - 2) Inter-university research institutes
 - 3) Research institutes or scientific research corporations under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
 - 4) Other research institutes and scientific research corporations listed in Table 1 (FY2006)
- Candidates must have arranged in advance a research plan for their stay in Japan with their prospective host researcher.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE PROGRAM:

Application for this program must be submitted to JSPS through a foreign nominating authority. Application process is as follows:

- 1) Contact made between a foreign scientist who wish to conduct cooperative research in Japan and his/her prospective host.
 - 2) Foreign scientist submits an application to a nominating authority.
 - 3) Nominating authority selects the candidates and nominates them to JSPS.
- * JSPS does not find or introduce host scientists.
- ** Application deadline and selection procedure differs by each nominating authority.
- *** Apart from receiving applications through foreign nominating authorities, JSPS also accepts applications from Japanese researchers who wish to invite a foreign researcher. For details on this application channel, please see our website: <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fellow.html>

5. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- 1) Application form (research data) written by the candidate (Format 2)
- 2) A letter of acceptance/invitation from the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his/her institution.
- 3) Supplementary documents (if necessary)

* All documents must be the original.

** All documents must be in either English or Japanese. When the original document is in another language, please be sure to attach an English translation (which does not need to be an official translation, but may be done by the host or candidate).

6. REPORTING OBLIGATION:

The fellowship awardees and their host researchers must submit a research report within one month of the completion of the fellowship tenure.

* The names of the awardees and their host researchers as well as their research themes and reports are subject to public disclosure.

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[SHORT-TERM PROGRAM]

Purpose: To invite senior scientists to participate in discussions, attend seminars, give lectures, or perform similar functions at Japanese research institutions and laboratories.

Eligibility: 1) Senior scientists, university professors, or other persons with substantial professional experience
2) Possess either the nationality, permanent resident or citizenship of the nominating country.

Note: For Japanese nationals to be eligible, they must have resided and had substantial professional research experience in the nominating country for more than 10 years.

Period: From 14 to 60 days

Terms of Award (Fellows only):

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A daily maintenance allowance of 18,000 yen
- 3) Domestic research travel allowance of 150,000 yen
- 4) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage

* The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change.

** If the Fellow resides in Japan on the date his/her award letter is issued, above-mentioned air ticket to Japan will not be provided.

*** Host's cooperation allowance of 50,000 yen is paid to hosts.

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[LONG-TERM PROGRAM]

Purpose: To invite scientists to Japan to conduct cooperative research work with scientists at Japanese research institutions and laboratories.

Eligibility: 1) Possess either the nationality, permanent resident or citizenship of the nominating country.

Note: For Japanese nationals to be eligible, they must have resided and had substantial professional research experience in the nominating country for more than 10 years.

2) Degree Requirements:

- a) Researchers who have held a doctorate degree for a period of more than six years from April 1, 2006; or
- b) University professors, associate/assistant professors, research associates, and other persons who do not hold a doctoral degree (nor will receive one in FY2006) but have substantial professional experience.

*** Those who have held a doctorate degree for less than six years must apply for the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. (Please see our website for information on this program: <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fellow.html>)**

Period: From 2 months (61 days) to 10 months

Terms of Award (Fellows only):

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A monthly maintenance allowance of 369,000 yen
- 3) Domestic research travel allowance of 100,000 yen
- 4) Research expenses of 40,000 yen
- 5) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage

*** The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change.**

**** If the Fellow resides in Japan on the date his/her award letter is issued, above-mentioned air ticket to Japan and settling-in allowance will not be provided.**

***** Host's cooperation allowance of 50,000 yen is paid to hosts.**

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